

CHAPTER 224.

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE CATCHING OF FISH IN SLEEPY EYE LAKE, BROWN COUNTY, MINNESOTA, DURING CERTAIN SEASONS OF THE YEAR.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill or destroy any fish in any manner whatever, in Sleepy Eye lake, in the county of Brown, or in any inlet or outlet of said lake, between the first (1st) day of March and the fifteenth (15th) day of May, in any year, and after the said fifteenth (15th) day of May, only with hook and line, or spear.

SEC. 2. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this act shall be guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars; and be committed to the county jail until such fine and costs of prosecution are paid; such commitment, however, not to exceed the term of ten (10) days.

SEC. 3. All proceedings under this act shall be commenced within sixty (60) days from the time such offenses were committed, and shall be brought in the same manner as provided by law in similar cases; and all fines imposed and collected under this act shall be paid into the treasury of said Brown county for the use of the common schools of said county.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Feb. 28, 1878.

CHAPTER 225.

AN ACT TO REMOVE THE COUNTY SEAT OF WATONWAN COUNTY FROM THE TOWN OF MADELIA TO THE VILLAGE OF SAINT JAMES, IN SAID COUNTY.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That the county seat of Watonwan county, in the State of Minnesota, be, and the same is hereby removed from the village and town of Madelia, where it is now located, to the village of Saint James, in said county.

SEC. 2. At the time of giving notice of the next general election, it shall be the duty of the officers of said Watonwan county, required by law to give notice of such election, to give notice in like manner, that at said election a vote will be taken on the question of adopting this act, removing the county seat from the town and village of Madelia to the said village of Saint James, as provided in section one of this act; but no failure of, or irregularity in such notice, or in the giving of such notice, shall in any way vitiate the vote on such question.

SEC. 3. At said election, the electors of said county in favor of the removal of the said county seat, as provided in this act, shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed on their ballots: "For removal of county seat," those opposed to such removal: "Against removal of county seat," and such ballots shall be received by the judges of election and canvassed at the same time, and in the same manner, and returned to the same office as votes for county officers.

SEC. 4. The county canvassing board, of said Watonwan county, to whom said election returns shall be made, shall canvass the votes on said question of removal, at the same time, and in the same manner as returns of votes for county officers. And, if upon such canvass being made, it shall appear that a majority of the electors of said Watonwan county, votes in favor of the adoption of this act, and the removal of said county seat, an abstract of the canvass of said votes shall be made on one sheet, signed and certified in the same manner as in cases of abstracts of votes for county officers, and shall be deposited in the office of the said county auditor of said county, and the said county auditor shall immediately thereafter, transmit to the Secretary of State, of the State of Minnesota, a copy of said abstract, duly certified by him.

SEC. 5. If this act shall be adopted by a majority of the electors of said Watonwan county, the Governor shall forthwith make proclamation, as provided by law in such cases; and it is hereby made the duty of all officers who are required by law to hold their offices at the county seat, to remove their offices, books and records to the county seat, in the village of Saint James, within thirty (30) days after the removal of said county seat, as in this act provided, without further or other notice than above provided, and any failure, neglect, or delay to so remove each and every office, as herein directed, shall operate as a forfeiture of all and every right of the officer, or officers who may refuse, neglect, or delay to comply with all the requirements of this act, to the further continuance in any of the offices that he or they shall neglect or refuse to remove, as above directed.

SEC. 6. It shall be lawful for the proper authorities, of said town of Madelia, and village of Saint James, and they are each respectively hereby authorized to appoint, by certificate, under their hands, a proper person to attend upon such of the townships and village boards, and judges of election thereof, in said county, as they may deem necessary, who shall have authority, and whose duty it shall be, to witness the action of said township and

village boards, or judges of elections in receiving and preparing the registers of legal voters, in either of the election districts of said county, for the next general election, and in conducting the next general election in either of said election districts. Said person or persons, so appointed, shall be sworn, and it shall be their duty to see that none but legal voters of said county are registered and allowed to vote at any of the several election districts of said county. And to use all lawful means in their power to prevent fraud and deceit thereat, and to cause to be prosecuted any and all persons who shall be guilty of any fraud or deceit at any of said election districts, and it is hereby made the duty of the officers of registration and judges of election, of said election district, to allow such persons so appointed to be present at the making and correcting of such registry lists, or holding of such elections, and to afford them all proper facilities to freely and fully witness the same, and the canvass of the votes cast thereat, and the preparation and sealing of the official returns thereof, and to make an abstract of the same, if so desired, and the fact that any of said persons so appointed, shall be refused or denied the rights or privileges herein given, by any board of registration or judges of election, shall be deemed *prima facie* evidence that the votes cast thereat, upon the removal of said county seat, are fraudulent and void.

SEC. 7. All acts or parts of acts, inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, except section one (1), which is to take effect and be in force from and after the adoption of the same, as provided herein.

Approved February 28, 1878.

CHAPTER 226.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ALMS HOUSE AND HOSPITAL OF THE COUNTY OF RAMSEY.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That the proviso contained in section eight (8), of the act of February twenty-nine (29), one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two (1872), entitled an act to authorize the county of Ramsey, and the city of St. Paul to issue bonds to build an alms house and hospital and for other purposes, is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 7, 1878.